

## Reflection on the Book of Exodus

Question: Why would God send His people out  
for forty years into a  
a dry, barren land that  
lacks provision for even the necessities of life?

Answer: He doesn't send them out.  
He leads them out.  
He goes with them and  
before them.

Why does He lead them into such places?

*He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:3, NASB).*

God let them feel each need,  
then waited for them to turn to Him before He  
graciously,  
miraculously,  
abundantly  
met each need.

So don't be surprised when He  
allows you to feel your need,  
then waits for you to  
wait on Him and  
trust Him.

He is not being  
stubborn or  
unfeeling.

He is giving you what you  
need most  
in all the world:

the firm, personal assurance,  
based on repeated, first-hand experience, that

He Himself is  
all you want and  
all you need.

He is proving that  
He can and will be your Pillar of Cloud by day,  
leading you certainly and consistently,  
though you won't always understand His reasons or methods.  
He can and will be your Pillar of Fire by night,

providing light for all your darkest places.  
He can and will be Living Water springing up  
during your driest times.  
He can and will be Living Bread,  
daily bread,  
nourishing not only your body,  
but your entire being.  
He can and will be  
a movable tabernacle,  
His tangible presence  
going with you everywhere you go.

Your loving Father is teaching you to  
know Him,  
trust Him, and  
treasure Him  
through absolutely everything that life brings.

**Hymn: [A Hymn for the Wilderness](#)**

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